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TO AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SO, AO

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR ADDOU CALLS ON ASST. SECRETARY  
SCHAUFLE

1. US-SOMALI RELATIONS: AMBASSADOR ADDOU CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFLE JANUARY 19. HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM MOGADISCIO, ADDOU WISHED TO MEET SCHAUFLE AND TO INFORM HIM THAT THE SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL HAD FORMALLY ENDORSED A POLICY OF GRADUAL, STEADILY IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH US. IT WAS AS RESULT OF THIS POLICY DECISION THAT FINANCE SECRETARY NUR HERSI HAD COME WITH A PERSONAL LETTER FROM PRESIDENT SIAD TO PRESIDENT FORD. ADDOU SAID THAT IN VIEW FORTHCOMING TONE OF LETTER, IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR HERSI TO BE RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENT.

2. ADDOU SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THESE IMPROVED RELATIONS, HE LOOKED FORWARD TO REGULAR U.S. NAVAL VISITS AND EXPECTED THAT DATE FOR FIRST VISIT WOULD BE IN MARCH OR  
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APRIL. HE ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WOULD BE AN INCREASE

IN EXCHANGE OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITS BETWEEN SOMALIA AND US. HE ALSO LOOKED FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA AND FOR SOME SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITIONS (ESPECIALLY ON ISSUES OUTSIDE OF THE SENSITIVE AREAS OF

SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST), OR AT LEAST AN EXPRESSION OF DIFFERENCES CALMLY AND WITHOUT ANY VITUPERATION.

3. ADDOU RECALLED REMARK BY DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL JUST PRIOR TO ADDOU'S RETURNING TO MOGADISCIO FOR CONSULTATIONS THAT SINCE US HAD TAKEN STEP OF RENEWING AID PROGRAM, THE BALL WAS NOW IN SOMALI COURT. ADDOU ADDED THAT AS CONSEQUENCE OF PRESIDENT SIAD'S LETTER, BALL WAS NOW BACK IN US COURT. SCHAUFELER INDICATED THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO KNOW WHAT WERE CONTENTS OF LETTER BEFORE ACCEPTING THIS LAST STATEMENT. SCHAUFELER WELCOMES PROSPECT OF IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH SOMALIA AND SAID THAT HE WOULD DO WHAT HE COULD TO REMOVE ANY DETERRENT TO BETTER RELATIONS.

4. SOMALIA'S RECOGNITION OF THE MPLA: ADDOU THEN PROCEEDED TO EXPLAIN SOMALIA'S SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA. WHEN PORTUGAL WITHDREW FROM ANGOLA, GRANTING INDEPENDENCE TO THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE, MPLA WAS SOLE FACTION LEFT IN CONTROL OF CAPITAL CITY. THIS AND DESIRE TO RECOGNIZE SOME AFRICAN ENTITY QUICKLY TO HELP FORESTALL A RHODESIAN SITUATION IN WHICH A MINORITY GOVERNMENT, WITH SUPPORT OF OUTSIDE MERCENARIES, MIGHT TAKE CONTROL, SPURRED GSDR TO EARLY RECOGNITION OF MPLA. HOWEVER, ADDOU SAID THAT SOMALIA SUPPORTED AN AFRICAN SOLUTION TO ANGOLA PROBLEM, AND HE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR SECRETARY'S RECENT STATEMENT THAT US WAS NOT OPPOSED TO THE MPLA PER SE.

5. POSSIBLE VISIT TO AFRICA BY SECRETARY: ADDOU WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT SECRETARY PLANNED TO VISIT AFRICA BETWEEN MARCH 15 AND APRIL 15, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT HE WOULD VISIT SOMALIA. ADDOU PLANNED TO ENCOURAGE THE GSDR TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO SECRETARY FOR SUCH A CONFIDENTIAL

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VISIT. SCHAUFELER REMINDED ADDOU THAT SECRETARY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT ALL THE INVITATIONS HE WOULD RECEIVE BECAUSE HIS TIME WAS LIMITED. ADDOU SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT, BUT BELIEVED AN INVITATION WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE GESTURE. ADDOU ALSO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SCHAUFELER COULD VISIT SOMALIA SOON. LATTER REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO CURRENT PLANS TO TRAVEL TO AFRICA, BUT HE HOPED TO VISIT ALL COUNTRIES AS HIS SCHEDULE ALLOWED.

6. INTERNAL TRAVEL IN SOMALIA: WHEN ADDOU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY SUGGESTIONS WHICH US WANTED TO MAKE, HE WAS TOLD THAT AS US-SOMALI RELATIONS IMPROVED, AND THERE WAS INCREASE IN NUMBER OF VISITORS TO EACH COUNTRY,

THEN THE QUESTION OF TRAVEL AND ACCESS BY OUR AMBASSADOR AND HIS STAFF WITHIN SOMALIA BECAME EVEN MORE IMPORTANT. EMBASSY PERSONNEL, FOR EXAMPLE, NEEDED TO BE ABLE TO VISIT AID PROGRAM SITES IN ORDER TO FULFILL ORDINARY MONITORING REQUIREMENTS. FOOD ASSISTANCE IS CASE IN POINT.

7. ADDOU'S FUTURE: ADDOU SAID THAT HE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO SOMALIA IN ABOUT A YEAR'S TIME, AND HE WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE WASHINGTON KNOWING THAT HE HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVED US-SOMALI RELATIONS. SISCO

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